

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF 12/15/09 MEETING

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Jeffrey Bryan  
Andrew Artimovich  
Jane Byrne  
David Menter  
George Waldron

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable, and signed the register. The Board reviewed and signed the recreation manifest.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the 12/8/09 meeting. Artimovich made a motion, seconded by Bryan, to approve the minutes as written. Byrne made a comment regarding the part of the minutes that reflects Hoyle, Tanner's offer to write a warrant article. She said that when the time comes, we are capable of doing that ourselves rather than paying them to do it. Bryan, Artimovich and Byrne voted in favor of approving the minutes as written; Menter and Waldron abstained.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- According to Rob Wofchuck, there is no cost involved in joining the Southeast Watershed Alliance.
- Nancy Mayville of the NHDOT said the State Aid Bridge Funding does not expire and will be put in the State FY 2011 budget.
- Bryan made a motion, seconded by Byrne, to pay \$12,903 to Hoyle, Tanner from encumbered funds. Bryan, Artimovich, Byrne and Menter voted in favor; Waldron was opposed.
- A motion was made by Waldron and seconded by Menter to take Mr. Musso's letter regarding the drainage onto his property from Crawley Falls Rd under advisement. All voted in favor.

Donna Lane, the grant administrator for the CDBG Grant, is requesting the chairman sign an Account Access Form allowing her and Laurel Bistany of REDC permission to access the CDBG electronic application. Byrne made a motion, seconded by Menter, to allow Bryan to sign the forms. All voted in favor. Bryan signed the documents.

Artimovich made a motion to approve the Joint Loss budget in the amount of \$831. Menter seconded the motion. Bryan, Artimovich, Waldron and Menter voted in favor; Byrne abstained.

Rob Wofchuck has indicated that the audit expense in the Conservation Commission budget can be lowered based on the amount they will be encumbering from 2009. A motion was made by Byrne to reopen the Conservation Commission budget. Artimovich seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Artimovich made a motion, seconded by Menter to approve a revised budget of \$5,075 which changes the audit line from \$2,500 to \$1,496. All voted in favor.

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Stevens shared documentation that Kathy St. Hilaire of the Planning Board office gave her regarding the upgrading, or not upgrading, of Rowell Rd West in conjunction with the development of Robinson Street. St. Hilaire explains, and provides documentation confirming, that this topic was discussed at length between the developer and the Planning Board during at least 8 of the public hearings held between October 19, 2000 and April 5, 2001. Developer Falzone also met with Selectmen at the Planning Board's request to get their input on the status of Rowell Road. She reported that it is consistently referenced that any upgrades would be for emergency access.

Bryan brought everyone up to date on the Swasey School budget. Their proposed budget is \$5,299,623 which is a 4.9% increase. The Budget Committee has asked them to try to bring that figure down. Neither the School Board nor Budget Committee has voted on the budget. Bryan explained that contractual increases are the cause of the majority of the cost.

The Fire Department has submitted its warrant article requests for 2010. They are as follows:

1. \$50,000 to be added to the capital reserve fund for replacing vehicles.
2. \$50,000 for building repairs including a new roof, extending the roof over the handicap access, door opener and carport. In addition they would like to replace gear racks, radio tone and air compressor.
3. \$40,000 for stand-by pay
4. A bond for a new fire station in the amount of \$1.7 million

The warrant article requests for the Highway Dept are as follows:

1. \$20,000 to be added to the existing capital reserve fund for town bridges
2. \$250,000 for road repairs
3. \$50,000 to the capital reserve fund for purchasing highway vehicles and related equipment.

The Board would like to see the itemizations for the building repair and equipment replacement items for the fire department. Stevens will request these.

There was discussion regarding the warrant article for the bond for a new station. Bryan said last time he spoke with the fire chief he indicated that he did not want to sit on another fire station committee. Byrne responded that she doesn't think we need a committee. Bryan questioned whether or not the \$1.7 million price would still be good. He said he will check with the contractor that they chose last year and get a current price. Byrne said she thinks we need to keep bringing it back until we get the station; to just let it go means that the last 5 years were nothing. Waldron disagreed and feels we need to wait; if it didn't pass this year it won't pass next year given the economy. Waldron commented that if the Selectmen don't approve it there can still be a citizens petition to include it. The Board will wait to get more information before voting on it.

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Byrne said as the Board of Selectmen, she would like to see them allow the budget committee comments on all the warrant articles as to whether they are recommended or not recommended. There was an RSA last year that would not allow it other than on special warrant articles. It has been changed this year to allow it if the Board of Selectmen votes to do so. Byrne said she would like the other Board members to consider it and she will come back at another meeting and make a motion that we go back to the old way of putting budget committee commentary on all money articles.

Wayne Robinson was in to again address the possibility of approving a pay increase for Lieutenant Roy in the 2010 budget. He asked if the budget committee has voted on the Police Budget to which Bryan responded that the original police budget has been approved by the budget committee. Waldron and Menter were brought up to speed from last week's conversation with Robinson and Roy. The Board chose not to reopen the police budget.

Robinson, as road agent, asked if he could get a flow pump system for motor oil and hydraulic oil for the highway shed. Each reel costs \$999 and he would need two of them. The Board approved the purchase of 2 systems from this year's budget. There is currently \$2,954 left in the hand tools line of the highway budget.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Artimovich and seconded by Menter to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens